

HIGHLAND UPDATE

Highland High earns Bill of Rights knowledge award

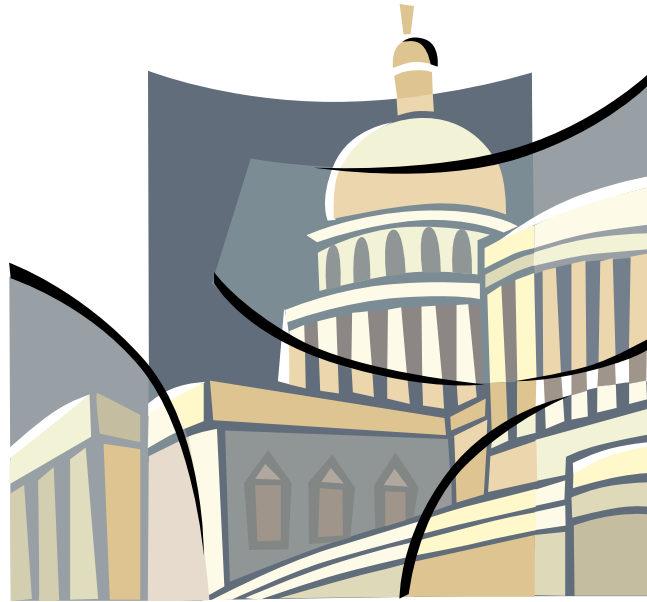
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Students from Highland High School representing New Mexico at the national "We the People" competition in Washington, D.C., in April, have won a top national award for the Southwest region.

Highland's Unit Five, consisting of students Cassie Wilson, Lucy Gilster and DeAnn Torres were questioned on the U.S. Bill of Rights topic, earning the highest possible national award for the Southwest region in this category.

"This is the second time in three years that Highland has earned the right to compete for the national championship in the 'We the People' competition, which tests knowledge and understanding of the U.S. Con-



stitution," said Highland teacher Mary-Anne Polster, who helps fundraise and coordinate the event.

"I feel 'We the People' is very important to social studies today because it introduces an element of competition that involves total endeavor on the part of the student," she said. "It is a life-changing experience for every student who participates, and it's a learning experience they do not forget, even if they don't win.

"An added benefit is that thousands of students around the country learn their Constitution better than any generation before has done," she said.

Highland student members of the

"We the People" team who competed in other categories of the national competition in Washington, D.C., are: Celina Baca; Aaron Blackwell; Kenyon Bradley; Desirae Brown; Nina Davis; Rachel Fredman; Iris Garcia; Keegan Godbey; Kori Higgins; Randall Holt; Kelsey Jackson; Samuel Martinez; Carri Pence; Roshaon Ross; Colin Spears; James Williams; Ashlee Wright and Barbara Wilson.

The "We the People" curriculum at Highland High School is sponsored by the Center for Civic Education and the New Mexico Bar Association.

The Albuquerque Public Schools focuses on academic achievement for all students. As a result, APS outperforms the state in the five core areas of reading, language arts, math, science and social studies as well as leading the nation's urban school districts in other core competencies.

COMMAND CHIEF'S CHOICE

Staff Sgt. Michael Eddins

is assigned to the 58th Operations Support Squadron, Aerial Delivery Flight.

He is responsible for the fabrication and rigging of Air Force supplies and equipment for Air Education and Training Command-assigned airdrop missions and unilateral training.

He is married to his high-school sweetheart Shawnda and has four daughters: Kelcee, Megan, MaKenzie and Kaitelyn. He is an active member of Air Force Sergeants Association and the Kirtland AFB 5/6 Club.

What do you like best about this assignment?

The ability and availability for continuous improvement of my family and myself.

What is the most memorable event in your Air Force career?

Having the honor to witness the presentation of the Air Force Cross to the late Senior Airman Jason D. Cunningham, knowing I was a part of the team that provided him with a safe parachute enabling him to carry out his mission—"so that others may survive."

What will you take away from this assignment?

Take care of your people.

What are your hobbies?

Whatever it takes to put a smile on the beautiful faces of my daughters and my wife, fishing, camping and maintaining my squadron's recognition program.

What person do you consider a great influence in your life?

My mother will always be my greatest influence.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

Looking back on my twenty years of service and at the legacy I left through those that followed.

What aspect of your life do you consider most important?

Starting a new chapter in my life with Christ as the foundation on the day my best friend and I were united as one, April 29, 1995.

What is your main goal in life?

To see the morals and values instilled in my daughters through their actions as adults.

Favorite movie?

"The Passion"



PUBLIC NOTICE

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey of the 377th Medical Group (AFMC), Kirtland AFB NM 9-11 June 2004.

The purpose of the survey will be to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally established Joint Commission standards. The survey results will be used to determine whether, and the conditions under which, accreditation should be awarded the organization.

Joint Commission standards deal with organizational quality and safety of care issues and the safety of the environment in which care is provided. Anyone believing that he or she has pertinent and valid information about such matters may request a public information interview with the Joint Commission's field representatives at the time of the survey. Information presented at the interview will be carefully evaluated for relevance to the accreditation process. Requests for a public information interview must be made in writing and should be sent to the Joint Commission no later than five working days before the survey begins. The request must also indicate the nature of the information to be provided at the interview. Such requests should be addressed to:

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